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Statewide Motorcycle Run to Prevent Child Abuse

New Brunswick, NJ- Bikers across New Jersey will unite to participate in a statewide motorcycle run on Saturday, June 13, 2009, escorted by the NJ State Police to benefit child abuse prevention and join thousands of motorcyclists across the nation in honor of a 2 year-old child who was murdered and raped. The Katelynn Stinnett Memorial Run will start bikers at four points in Ledgewood, Lakewood, Burlington and Highland Park for a "kick-stands up" launch at 12pm and meet at Docks Corner Tavern in Monroe Township for an afternoon BBQ. Katelynn was a toddler from Kentucky whose death, after being beaten and sexually abused, touched the hearts of the nation's biker community who inspired nationwide groups to coordinate events in all 50 states. New Jersey bikers will ride to benefit Prevent Child Abuse – New Jersey, a statewide nonprofit leading efforts to eliminate child abuse, in all of its forms.

In New Jersey, the Memorial Run is being coordinated by Cat Fletcher, an avid biker and child advocate: "Katelynn's story certainly touched me", explained Fletcher. "It should be every child's basic right to be safe, no child should be abused or neglected."

Registration for the event will take place four start points across the state. The Ledgewood start will be held 9:30am-11:30am at Legends Harley Davison in Route 46, the Lakewood registration will be held 9:30am-11:30am at Ocean County Harley Davidson on Route 70, the Burlington start will take place 9:30am-11:30am at Mills Harley Davidson on Tyler Street, and the Highland Park start will be 10:00am-12:00am at Highroads Harley Davidson on Woodbridge Avenue. An afternoon barbecue will follow the event at Docks Corner Tavern in Monroe Township and feature live music by Phoenix, food and vendors. Ride donation is \$15.00 per rider, \$5.00 per passenger (participating in ride). The first 200 riders to preregister will receive free ride patch.

Email Cat at kmrnj@live.com or visit the website for the Katelynn Stinnett Memorial Run at <http://www.kmrnj.com/> for more information.